

Interested in Joining Us?

RC&D Councils are comprised of sponsors and community members that identify concerns, needs and problems within their areas. Their resource committees, with help from various agencies, collect information about identified problems, develop alternatives, and recommend solutions to achieve their goals and objectives.

Challenges for RC&D members:

- define goals and objectives to meet local needs
- find solutions to local problems
- plan projects to address local needs
- look for public and private funding sources, technical expertise or other services
- appoint committees to carry out projects on specific natural resource areas such as recreation or agriculture
- commit to solve problems
- recognize that diverse groups of local volunteers are best able to determine needs and create solutions for their community
- provide leadership and direction for RC&D activities
- build teamwork between people and public agencies
- generate support for activities that build momentum from the planning process to the implementation phase

RC&D in Hawai`i: Local people pooling resources and working together to conserve Hawai`i's natural resources and strengthen our communities.

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Hawai`i RC&D Report for 2000

Resource Conservation & Development

"Local People Pool Their Resources To Make Things Happen"



What is RC&D?

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) provides a way for local residents to work together and plan how they can actively solve economic, environmental and social problems facing their areas. It pulls together communities, various units of government and grassroots organizations to help residents establish direction for their program.

RC&D helps communities identify problems and opportunities, gather necessary background information, plan desired future conditions, secure necessary funding and implement projects to benefit the area.

Activities include: **land conservation** to protect the resource base and find maximum ways to use it; **community development** to improve economic conditions in rural areas; **water management** to conserve, utilize and improve the quality and quantity of available water; and **environmental enhancement** to improve the environment.

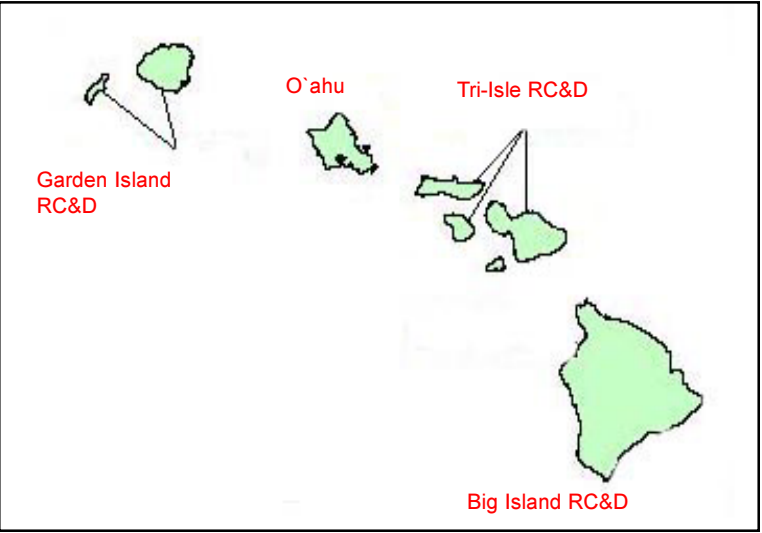
How did RC&D begin?

The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program was initiated in 1962 to help people care for and protect their natural resources and improve their area's economic, environmental and social opportunities.

It is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) effort led by the Office of the Secretary. Many agencies contribute to the success of the program, and the Secretary has delegated administrative authority to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

When authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, an RC&D area may receive funding from USDA to establish an RC&D office, hire staff, develop an area plan and receive other USDA financial and technical assistance. Currently, there are 315 authorized RC&D areas nationwide.

RC&D Council Areas in Hawai`i



Statewide Overview

Hawai`i's three RC&Ds cover about 5,280 square miles on Ni`ihau, Kaua`i, Maui, Moloka`i, Lana`i and the Big Island.

- Examples of completed or ongoing projects include:
- promoting programs which support communities as a vital resource in the government planning process
 - sharing Hawaiian cultural and educational activities with elementary school students statewide
 - directing islandwide programs to eradicate or control noxious weeds (firetree, gorse, and melastome) that threaten agricultural crops, native plants and animals
 - conducting reforestation and tree-planting programs
 - assisting community organizations with obtaining nonprofit status
 - ensuring public access and stewardship of cultural and natural resources
 - protecting native fish and wildlife habitat
 - educating and supporting effective leaders in rural community leadership programs



RC&Ds in Hawai'i



The Big Island Resource Conservation and Development (BIRC&D) program was approved in 1978 and is sponsored by six Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the County of Hawai'i. BIRC&D assists rural communities with social, economic, and environmental issues. Goals for BIRC&D are to:

- improve and protect water quality by safeguarding community health and maintaining a healthy environment
- improve/protect forest and grazing lands from pests; foster/protect the environment for wildlife
- increase/improve forest plantings
- broaden the economic base by increasing sustainable agricultural development
- implement rural development projects to improve economic and social conditions

The Garden Island RC&D Council was formed in 1991 and Council members identify opportunities for developing recreation, community planning, economic development and education initiatives on Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

Garden Island RC&D continues to implement many successful projects such as: the [General Plan Update's](#) (GPU) **New Perspectives in Economic Renewal** workshops; applying for [Rural Empowerment Zone Designation](#) and receiving Champion Community (CC) status; and utilizing the **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** training as a prerequisite to the [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#) (ADR) process for the proposed Lihue Airport Runway Extension project.

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The Tri-Isle RC&D Council, Inc. was established in 1970 and serves the islands of Lana'i, Maui and Moloka'i. RC&D has taken a strong leadership role in community and economic development, water quality issues and environmental projects. The RC&D program carries out its activities in partnership with community groups and volunteers. A wide range of project types have been implemented to serve specific needs of local communities. Notable projects include:

- controlling Miconia (a serious invasive tree pest threatening our ecology and watersheds)
- creating an Interpretive Hiking Trail
- promoting stewardship to ensure public access and awareness of South Maui's cultural heritage
- developing a boardwalk to educate the public in wildlife refuge areas
- community and economic development projects on Lana'i, Maui and Moloka'i to improve the quality of life
- promoting agricultural development through Heifer Project and Molokai Community Pastures

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O'ahu RC&D Council

At a public meeting in November 1996, community members expressed interest in establishing an O'ahu RC&D Area. Briefings were conducted at all Neighborhood Board meetings islandwide to explain the RC&D program. A mailing list of over 200 names has been generated from these meetings. A Council has been established with bylaws and nonprofit (501)(c)(3) status has been obtained. O'ahu RC&D is currently implementing several projects. Helping to organize O'ahu RC&D is the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Aiea Field Office. For more information, call Cynthia Rezentes at 808-696-0131.

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Acknowledgments



The success stories of Hawai'i's RC&D program are the result of many contributions from our conservation partners. Hawai'i's RC&D Councils and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) **thank** our partners and the many volunteers who unselfishly devote their time, money and talents:

- ❖ *Agricultural Leadership Foundation (ALF) of Hawai'i*
- ❖ *Alexander & Baldwin (A&B) Foundation*
- ❖ *A&B Properties, Inc.*
- ❖ *Aloha Recycling*
- ❖ *American Forestry*
- ❖ *Baldwin Malama*
- ❖ *Bikeways Maui*
- ❖ *Community Work Day*
- ❖ *Conservation Council of Hawai'i*
- ❖ *East Maui Irrigation Company*
- ❖ *Franklin Covey*
- ❖ *Frear Eleemosynary Trust*
- ❖ *G.N. Wilcox Trust*
- ❖ *Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation*
- ❖ *Grove Farm Company Foundation*
- ❖ *Grove Farm Company, Inc.*
- ❖ *Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.*
- ❖ *Hawai'i Community Foundation (HFC)*
- ❖ *Hawai'i Community Foundation - ABC Funders*
- ❖ *Hawai'i Community Foundation - Knudsen Trust*
- ❖ *Hawai'i Community Foundation, West Hawaii Fund*
- ❖ *Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA)*
- ❖ *Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company*
- ❖ *Hawaiian Electric Industries Foundation/American Savings Bank*
- ❖ *Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary*
- ❖ *Heifer Project International (HPI)*
- ❖ *Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i*
- ❖ *Kaua'i Coffee Company*
- ❖ *Kaua'i Economic Development Board, Inc. (KEDB)*
- ❖ *Kaua'i Electric*
- ❖ *Kaua'i Farm Bureau*
- ❖ *Kaua'i Marriott Resort & Beach Club*
- ❖ *Kaua'i Power Partners*
- ❖ *Kaua'i Nursery & Landscaping*
- ❖ *Kihei 2000*
- ❖ *Kikiaola Land Company, Ltd.*
- ❖ *Kilauea Agronomics, Inc. (C. Brewer)*
- ❖ *Lana'i Community Development Corporation*
- ❖ *Lokahi Pacific*
- ❖ *Matson Navigation Company*
- ❖ *Maui County Farm Bureau*
- ❖ *Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.*
- ❖ *Maui Electric Company*
- ❖ *Maui Land & Pineapple Co., Inc.*
- ❖ *McInerney Foundation*
- ❖ *National Audubon Society*
- ❖ *National Tropical Botanical Garden*
- ❖ *Nature Conservancy*
- ❖ *Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)*
- ❖ *Outrigger Hotels*
- ❖ *Pahio Resorts*
- ❖ *Patagonia, Inc.*
- ❖ *People Synergistically Involved (PSI)*
- ❖ *Princeville Corporation*
- ❖ *Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center (QLCC)*

- ❖ *Rare and Dear, Inc.*
- ❖ *Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)*
- ❖ *Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)*
- ❖ *Volunteer Consultants*
- ❖ *West Kaua'i Community Development Corporation (WKCDC)*
- ❖ *West Marine, Inc.*

County

- ❖ *Bicycle Advisory Group*
- ❖ *Board of Water Supply*
- ❖ *Councils*
- ❖ *Office of Economic Development (OED)*
- ❖ *Office of the Mayor*
- ❖ *Planning*
- ❖ *Public Works*
- ❖ *Research and Development (R&D)*

State

- ❖ *Departments of:*
 - *Agriculture (DOA)*
 - *Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT)*
 - *Education (DOE)*
 - *Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)*
 - *Health (DOH)*
 - *Human Concerns*
 - *Land & Natural Resources (DLNR):*
 - *Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation*
 - *Division of Forestry & Wildlife (DOFAW)*
 - *Hawai'i Forestry Community Initiative (HFCI)*
 - *Na Ala Hele Trails & Access Systems*
 - *Transportation (DOT) - Airports Division*
- ❖ *Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA)*
- ❖ *Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts (HACD)*
- ❖ *Kaulunani, Hawai'i the Beautiful*
- ❖ *Office of State Planning*
- ❖ *University of Hawai'i (UH):*
 - *Cooperative Extension Service*
 - *College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources*
 - *Social Sciences Research Institute*
 - *Co-op Park Studies*
 - *Hilo*
 - *Kaua'i Community College*
 - *Maui Community College*

Federal

- ❖ *Agency*
 - *Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*
- ❖ *Department of:*
 - *Interior - Fish & Wildlife Service*
 - *Interior - National Park Service*
- ❖ *National Biological Service*
- ❖ *United States Department of Agriculture (USDA):*
 - *Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)*
 - *Farm Service Agency (FSA)*
 - *Forest Service (FS)*
 - *Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)*
 - *Rural Development (RD)*



Tri-Isle RC&D Highlights



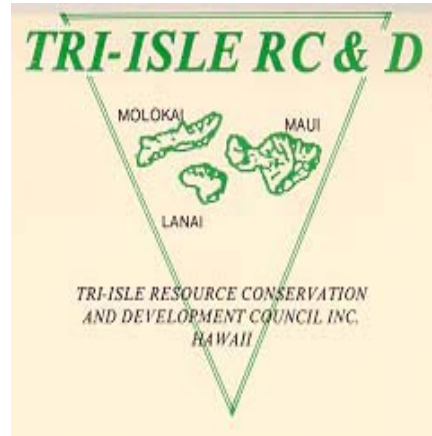
- Provided training to Department of Water Supply Water Treatment Plant Operators on current water treatment regulations.

- Ulumalu-Peahi water-line improvement project brings a precious resource to rural homes.

- Completed informational signage and interpretive brochure of historical and cultural coastal resources of the South Maui Heritage Corridor.

- Published a recreation map for Maui featuring recreation sites, facilities and other landmarks.

- Completed a bicycle map featuring bicycling information, bicycling laws, safety tips, tradewind patterns, road conditions, grade changes, and camping locations.



- Provided a safe shoreline public access on Mokuleia Bay by installing a stairway and observation platform.

- Provided and installed playground equipment for Keokea, Paukukalo and Waiehu Kou communities.

- Working to establish Maui Botanical Gardens, a unique facility promoting an understanding of Hawaiian ethnobotany, endangered species and water conservation.

- Provided guidelines in creating farmers markets on Lana'i, Maui, and Moloka'i.

- Developing a Moloka'i Telecommunication Center for job opportunities and economic development.

- Beautifying rural areas by planting trees.

- Working on protecting our forests and ecosystems from alien species and other environmental threats.

~ Community Development ~

Paukukalo and Waiehu Kou Communities

Playground equipment serving 184 children was installed for residents of Paukukalo and Waiehu Kou communities. Tri-Isle RC&D worked with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Parks and Recreation.



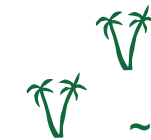
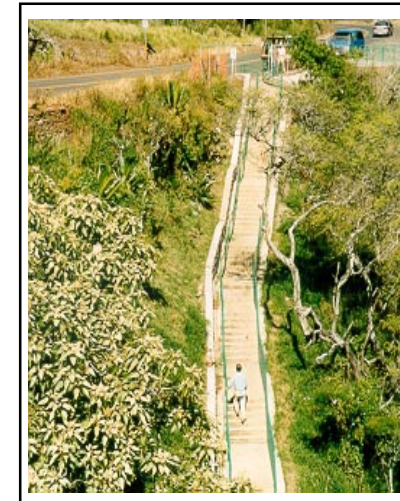
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~ Recreation ~

Mokuleia Public Access and Overlook

A 200-foot long, 73-step stairway has been constructed to provide a safe public access and observation platform for the physically challenged to the Marine Life Conservation District at Mokuleia and Honolulu Bay on West Maui. The project was a collaborative effort between Tri-Isle RC&D Council, Department of Land and Natural Resource's Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program, Maui County Parks and Recreation, Maui Land and Pineapple Company, Inc., and Kapalua Land Company.



~ Ecosystem Protection ~

Miconia calvescens is an aggressive alien plant from South America. Since 1996, our five-member crew has successfully treated the Miconia core population (within the total 2200-acre infestation) in Hana on East Maui. The crew continues to reduce the threat to native ecosystems by eliminating seed-source trees and systematic follow-up treatment. Tri-Isle RC&D is working with the Maui Invasive Species Committee and DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife to implement control measures for Miconia.



~ Economic Development ~



Lana'i and Moloka'i Market Places

Community markets provide a place to sell directly to the consumer, which builds economic development.



Garden Island RC&D Highlights



~ Garden Island RC&D Council ~ A Very Diverse Board of Directors



Left to Right: Glenn Sato, Energy Coordinator, County of Kaua'i (RC&D sponsor); Irmalee Pomroy, farmer; Owen Moe, Chair, West Kaua'i SWCD (RC&D sponsor); Ann Leighton, small-business owner; Annette Cassidy, Koloa Community Assn.; Mark Hubbard, consultant; Marilyn Wong, consultant/community builder; Edward J. Kawamura, East Kaua'i SWCD (RC&D sponsor); Sabra Kauka, Hawaiian Studies teacher; Robert Layer, Waldorf School. Missing from picture, Ken Martin, farmer; and NEW Council member, Peter Kea, attorney.

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~ Signing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Rural Champion Community ~



Representatives of Garden Island RC&D sign Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with USDA's Rural Development (RD) agency that recognizes Kaua'i County as a Rural Champion Community. In October 1998, an application was submitted to USDA's RD office in Washington, D.C., and in March 1999, GIRC&D was notified that Kaua'i County completed the required USDA planning process and was invited to become a "Champion Community."

~Rural Champion Community Project~ Team Members Meet Agenda for Building Communities (ABC) Funders



ABC funders did a site visit before they made a decision to grant Garden Island RC&D funds to carry on the work set in motion. Seated far left with lei, Janis Reischmann, Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF); middle, Lois Loomis, Pacific Century Trust; near right, Kaleinani Larsen, Kaua'i Program Associate for HCF.



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~ Community Stewardship ~



South Maui Heritage Corridor Brochure

Tri-Isle RC&D Council, Inc. worked with the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism and Maui County's, Office of Economic Development to complete an interpretive brochure of public coastal resources and install eight interpretive signs. The Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Programs of the National Park Service has provided assistance to prepare a stewardship plan for South Maui coastal sites.



~ Water Improvement Project ~

Ulumalu-Peahi Water Line Improvement Project

Maui Ranch Estates Owners Association is working with the Board of Water Supply, Tri-Isle RC&D, USDA Rural Development and the Rural Community Assistance Program to improve a private water system that is deteriorating at Ulumalu-Peahi. The area serves 450 people.



Tri-Isle RC&D Council, Inc.

Officers:

- David Nobriga, President
Paul Otani, Vice-President
Natalie Powell, Secretary
David Craddick, Treasurer

Board of Directors

5 Members from County of Maui:

- David Craddick, Water Department
Roselyn Baker, Office of Economic Development
John Min, Planning Department
Charles Jencks, Public Works and Waste Management
Floyd Miyazono, Parks and Recreation

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Paul Otani, Olinda-Kula SWCD
JoLoyce Kaia, Hana SWCD
Randall Moore, Central Maui SWCD
Paul Elia, Moloka'i-Lana'i SWCD

2 Community-at-Large Members:

- Jeanne Skog, Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.
Natalie Powell, Maui Ranch Estates Owners Association

Staff:

- Nathan Varns, Coordinator
Sharon Souza, Program Assistant



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~ Cooperative Value-Added Beef Project ~

Today, the Kona Specialty Meat Company (KSM) manufactures a variety of products such as beef jerky and pipi kaula, all produced from locally-grown cattle. The beef jerky, available in three different flavors, is sold under the Paniolo Provisioners label at Hilo Hatties and Longs Drug Stores. The future looks bright as the orders and revenues increase every month. To help keep up with the demand, a new smokehouse has been purchased and will be online soon.

Just a short time ago, the future didn't appear very promising for KSM and its parent organization, the Hawaii Cattle Producers Cooperative. The industry went through some difficult economic times. KSM, under the management of Lani Petrie, developed marketing techniques to help the company.



assistance. BIRC&D agreed to assist the Co-op with their value-added program, and they both went to work on developing the grant application.

The Cooperative Value-Added program was part of USDA's Fund for Rural America initiative. It was administered by the Rural Business-Cooperative Services agency, and the nationwide program attracted over \$100 million in requests, all competing for just \$1.7 million. The goal of the program was to encourage value-added activities to enhance economic sustainability of rural communities.

The Big Island RC&D proposal was jointly prepared by Lani Petrie, Manager of Kona Specialty Meat Co., and

Patrik Watanabe, Coordinator for Big Island RC&D.

Upon USDA's acceptance of the project, funds were used to secure the assistance of Creative Company. Shortly thereafter, a logo was developed, labels were designed and gift packaging selected. KSM also secured vacuum packaging equipment which would extend the shelf life of their products. They hired an additional meat cutter and made improvements to their facility. These contributions were part of the matching requirements KSM had to meet.

Throughout the project, Big Island RC&D maintained communications with USDA. They were responsible to safeguard and properly disburse federal funds. BIRC&D also submitted progress/financial reports to USDA.



KSM received support and guidance from Derek Kurisu, KTA's Mountain Apple Brand. KTA started their Mountain Apple program to assist local producers and the economy when the sugar industry shutdown.

KSM began producing sausages and pipi kaula which were sold at KTA under the Mountain Apple brand. They also began to work on recipes for beef jerky and chorizo sausage and at the same time expanded their manufacturing facility.

About this time, Tim O'Connell, Agricultural Cooperative Specialist, learned of a USDA value-added program grant and encouraged the Co-op to apply. Tim suggested asking Big Island Resource Conservation and Development (BIRC&D) for sponsorship



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~ General Plan Update ~

New Perspectives in Economic Renewal (NPER)

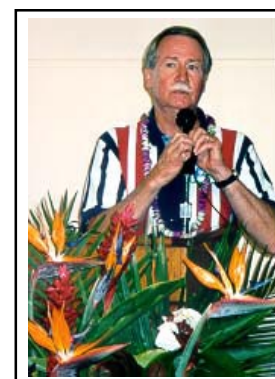
workshop series was designed to begin dialogue within Kaua'i's community to affect the update of the County's General Plan. Four workshops have been completed and new proposals are being reviewed for implementation. Following is a description of the workshops:

"Creative Infrastructure Alternatives: Models for Community Development."

Speakers in this week-long workshop included Hunter Lovins, Executive Director with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), who discussed "**Natural Capitalism**" and focused her talk on Kaua'i's challenge to generate electricity.



Puanani Burgess from Wai'anae, O'ahu shared her empowerment **model of backyard aquaculture** and its effect on her community's development.



Vaughn Grisham from Oxford, Mississippi, described a town called Tupelo (Elvis Presley's birthplace) and its community's challenge as one of the most polluted cities in the country with high unemployment, and how the community is pulling itself together. **He gave participants a realistic look at how another economically depressed town turned itself around.**

~ Checking with Kaua'i's Agricultural Community ~

Part of NPER was to bring the agricultural community **together** to look at strategies to sustain Kaua'i's agriculture industry.

Dr. Donna Ching, UH Extension Specialist in Agricultural Leadership, was called to assist the County in this

process. She took participants through a two-day "**strategic**" planning process, and the result was an updated agricultural strategic plan for Kaua'i.



~ Forestry Committee Change in Leadership ~

This Committee supports the development of a diverse forest industry on Kaua'i. They are promoting an idea that both large and small-scale private forestry operations be established to sustain a stable and healthy ecological, economical and social environment for Kaua'i.



Incoming co-chairs (L to R) Steven Smith (forestry consultant) and Don Riedel (Bamboo Guild) member. Outgoing co-chairs Bob Layer (Waldorf School) and Lelan Nishek (nurseryman/landscaper).



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~ Ho`oulu Ke Ola O Na Pua ~ “To Enrich the Lives of the Children”

When SCBM (School-Community Based Management) came to Kaua`i, the coordinating structure for the Hawaiian Studies Kupuna (elder) Program was dismantled, and GIRC&D was asked if it would be willing to umbrella the program. One goal of the Cultural Awareness Committee is to ensure that Hawaiian values are integrated into society, and a supporting objective is to identify and implement ways to provide assistance to the community by developing cultural centers islandwide; thus the Hawaiian



Kaua`i's children participate in makahiki at Lydgate Beach Park. This ancient festival begins about the middle of October, and lasts about four months with sports and religious festivities and taboo on war. Children re-enact this ancient festival with ho`okupu (ceremonial gift-giving to show honor and respect.)



Kumu Lu Koerte conducts a kukui demonstration workshop at the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) in Lawai Valley. She demonstrates many Hawaiian uses of the "candlenut" tree with the children.

continue to facilitate the empowerment of na kupuna (the elders) and na kamali`i (the children).

~ La`au Na `Apopo ~ “Trees for Tomorrow”

Forestry Committee members participate at the University of Hawai`i's Agriculture and Environmental Awareness Day at the Wailua Research Station. This annual event is co-sponsored by the Kaua`i Farm Bureau.



Bob Layer (l) and Bill Cowern (r) answer questions curious students ask about bamboo and hardwood trees.

Bill Cowern gets eye to eye with a student to talk about Hawai`i's trees.



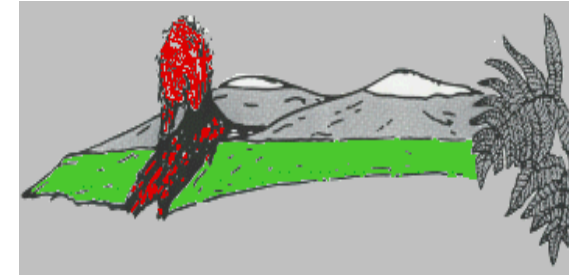
Bob Layer explains how to make "joints" for bamboo construction. Table display shows additional ways to make sturdy bamboo joints for building purposes.



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~ Managing Information with Rural America (MIRA) ~



The W.K. Kellogg Foundation initiated a new program in 1998 called "Managing Information with Rural America (MIRA)." It has been described as "an innovative and complex effort to build community capacity and explore the uses of technology in rural areas." Big Island RC&D received the honor of being selected in the first round of MIRA applications. Applications were received from throughout the country.

The communities of Rural South Hilo, Laupahoehoe, Honomu, Honoka`a, Ho`okena, Kona, Ocean View, Na`alehu/Pahala, Volcano and Lower Puna make up the Hawaii Island Cluster with Big Island RC&D as fiscal sponsor for the project. The following projects are underway:

- Kalaniana`ole Community Room (a school/community computer resource facility at Kalaniana`ole School)
- Laupahoehoe Train Museum and Laupahoehoe Teleservice/Telework Center to upgrade their electrical and computer systems
- Honomu Computer Resource Center
- An outreach and feedback program to provide input into the County's General Plan for Kona
- Established a computer system and conducted a General Plan Survey for Ocean View
- Upgraded two computer systems at two Ka`u Community Centers - Na`alehu/Pahala
- Established a community computer resource center in Volcano
- Hamakua Youth Center computers

Big Island RC&D Council Officers:

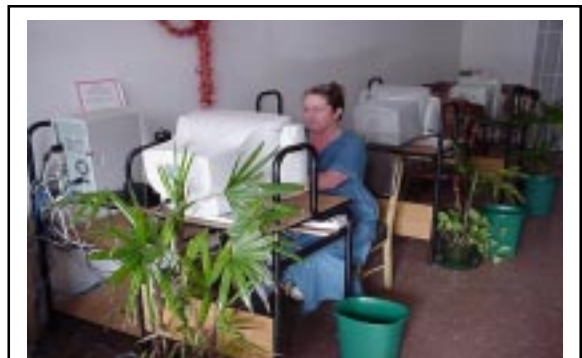
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Honolulu resident checks her e-mail at the resource center.